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Linda McCulloch  
Superintendent

May 2005

Dear Educator:

Please help us promote family reading by providing your students with these family reading activities and encouraging them to attend the reading programs at their local libraries. The 2005 Family Reading Program **All Aboard for Reading!** is a collaborative effort of the Office of Public Instruction, Montana State Reading Council and the Montana Elks Association.

We are providing your school with a master copy of the **All Aboard for Reading!** calendars of suggested activities. We encourage you to make a copy of the packet for each of your elementary students. The activities are appropriate for kindergarten students (with some guidance) as well as eighth grade students.

The **All Aboard for Reading!** monthly calendars are day-by-day fun reading, writing and thinking activities. Students completing the activities will receive a **Family Reading Certificate and a surprise**. Please extend our challenge to your students to read this summer and to visit their local library and bookstore. Parents, family members and friends are encouraged to participate in the activities.

Please share these materials with your colleagues. Thank you for promoting family reading and encouraging your students to attend library reading programs and becoming a Reader Book Club member this summer.

We hope you have a wonderful, peaceful and refreshing summer. You have our admiration and respect for all your hard work and dedication to Montana kids.

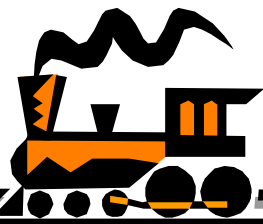
Sincerely,

Linda McCulloch  
State Superintendent

June Atkins  
Literacy Specialist

Enclosures

*"It is the mission of the Office of Public Instruction to improve teaching and learning through communication, collaboration, advocacy, and accountability to those we serve."*



Dear Student,

Hop on the reading train for your summer reading adventures. Enjoy a summer of travel, adventure and fun as you discover the thrills found in a book. Build your reading train by adding a car each time you finish reading a book. How many cars can you add to your train?

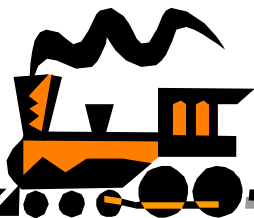
Complete the **All Aboard for Summer Reading** activities for June, July and August. Hang your calendar where it is easy to read. As you finish each activity, color or put a check in the block for that day. Visit your library often and fill your reading train with books. Share your summer reading train adventures with your family and friends.

Write about a favorite book or story you read this summer on the “My Favorite Story” page. Have a parent or guardian sign the Reader Book Club Membership form. Send your “My Favorite Story” page and Reader Book Club Membership form to my office. When you become a Reader Club Member we will send you a surprise.






















Your friend,

Linda McCulloch  
State Superintendent

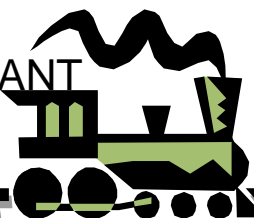


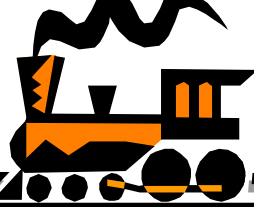


# PARENTS AS PARTNERS

-  Read with your children! Read billboards, street signs, maps, books, the informational channel or the television schedule channel on television, their textbooks, library books, anything you see.
-  When you are in the car, make up stories together.
-  Read books aloud to each other.
-  Talk about the books you read.
-  Give books and magazine subscriptions as gifts.
-  Encourage your child to get a library card.
-  Make regular family visits to the library.
-  Help your child compile and illustrate a book.
-  Reread a book you loved as a child, then share it with your child.
-  Make the bedtime story a regular family event.
-  Visit a bookstore with your child.
-  Help your child set up a personal library.
-  Help children choose books they want to read.
-  Use television and radio to encourage reading.
-  Talk about local events reported by the media.
-  Encourage your child to write stories, a diary, and letters to friends.
-  Set family reading goals.
-  Give favorite books to other children.
-  Pack books for family trips.
-  Read together about travel destinations.
-  Visit a literary landmark.

TRAIN NOW TO MAKE READING AN IMPORTANT  
PART OF YOUR FAMILY'S LIFE.
































# All Aboard for Reading!

Suggested Books For You To Read

## 3-7 years

-  Inside Freight Train by Donald Crews
-  Chugga Chugga Choo Choo by Kevin Lewis
-  Two Little Trains by Margaret Wise Brown
-  I Love Trains! by Philemon Sturges
-  Thomas and the Freight Train by Rev W. Awdry
-  Trains by Byron Barton
-  Maisy's Train by Lucy Cousins
-  Trains by Edward Miller
-  Great Race by Harry Milliron
-  The Little Train by Lois Lenski
-  Stop, train, Stop!: A Thomas the Tank Engine Story by Rev. W. Awdry
-  Thomas and the School Trip by Rev. W. Awdry
-  The Journey Begins: An Early Reader by Chris Van Allsburg
-  Thomas Gets Tricked and Other Stories by Rev W. Awdry

## 5-8 years

-  The Caboose Who Got Loose by Bill Peet
-  The Magic Journey: The Polar Express Movie Deluxe Story Book by Chris Van Allsburg
-  The Little Engine That Could Rides Again! By Christina Ong
-  Big Book of Trains by Christine Heap
-  Silver Packages: an Appalachian Christmas Story by Cynthia Rylant
-  The Train by David McPhail
-  Train Song by Diane Siebert
-  Shortcut by Donald Crews
-  Trains by Gail Gibbon
-  Mailing May by Michael O' Tunnell
-  I Knew You Could by Watty Piper
-  All Aboard Trains by Mary Harding
-  Dinosaur Train by John Steven Gurney





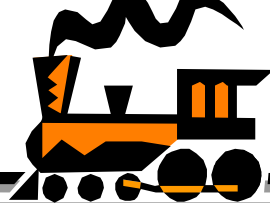
### 5-8 years *(continued)*

- 📖 Freight Train Board Book by Donald Cress
- 📖 Choo-Choo Charlie: The Littletown Train by Michael Welply
- 📖 William and the Night Train by Mij Kelly
- 📖 My Subway Ride by Paul Dubois Jacobs and Jennifer Swender
- 📖 Catch Me, Catch Me!: A Thomas the Tank Engine Story by Rev W. Awdry
- 📖 Edward's Exploit and Other Thomas the Tank Engine Stories by Rev. Awdry
- 📖 The Best Book of Trains by Richard Balkwill
- 📖 The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
- 📖 Thomas and the Magic Railroad by Rev W. Awdry
- 📖 Thomas Comes to Breakfast by Richard Courtney
- 📖 Seymour Simon's Book of Trains by Seymour Simon
- 📖 Happy Birthday, Thomas by Rev W. Awdry
- 📖 James Goes Buzz Buzz by Shana Corey and Rev W. Awdry
- 📖 Down by the Station by Will Hillenbrand
- 📖 The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg
- 📖 The D K Big Book of Trains by Christine Heap
- 📖 Curious George takes a Train by H. A. Rey








### 6-10 years

- 📖 Nest Stop Grand Central by Maira Kalman
- 📖 Crossing by Philip Booth
- 📖 The Train They Call the City of New Orleans by Steve Goodman
- 📖 Prairie Train by Antoine O' Flatharta
- 📖 Mr. Putter and Tabby Take the Train by Cynthia Rylant
- 📖 Nate the Grate on the Owl Express by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- 📖 Dangers Dynamite! by Anne Capeci
- 📖 Going by Train by Susan Ashley





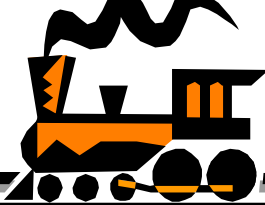
## 7-11 years

-  The Story of Trains by Jane Bingham
-  Going by Train by Susan Ashley
-  The Mystery on the Train by Gertrude Chandler Warner
-  Kit's Railway Adventure by Harriet Brown
-  Railroad by Bobbie Kalmen
-  Peacebound Trains by Haemi Balgassi
-  Railroad Book by E. Bond Smith

## 9-12 years

-  Ghost Train Vol. 3 by Anne Capeci
-  Railway Children by E. Nesbit
-  Casey Jones by Larry Dane Brommer
-  How to Draw Planes, Trains, and Boats by Barbara Soloff-Levy
-  Mega Book of Trains: Discover the Most Amazing Locomotive on Earth! By Chrysalis Children's Books
-  Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman by Dorothy Sterling
-  Trip to the North Pole by Ellen Weiss and Chris Van Allsburg
-  By the Shores of Silver Lake by Laura Ingalls Wilder
-  Ten Mile Day: And the Building of the Transcontinental Railroad by Mary Ann Fraser
-  All Aboard! by James Stevenson
-  Hear that Train Whistle Blow! How the Railroad Changed the World by Milton Meltzer
-  Central Pacific Railroad by Clark Evans
-  Across America on an Emigrant Train by Jim Murphy
-  Riding the Rails on the U.S.A.: Trains in America Life by Martin W. Sandler
-  Easy-to-Make Train by Albert Gary Smith
-  Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom by Catherine Clinton
-  Under the Quilt of Night by Deborah Hopkinson
-  If you Traveled on the Underground Railroad by Ellen Levine and Larry Johnson
-  The Boxcar Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner
-  The Train of States by Peter Sis





## 9-12 years (*continued*)

- 📖 Orphan Train Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- 📖 Orphan Train Children Series by Joan Lowery Nixon
- 📖 Steam Locomotives: Whistling, Chugging, Smoking Iron Horses of the Past by Karl Zimmerman
- 📖 Dragon's Gate (Golden Mountain Chronicles, 1867) by Laurence Yep
- 📖 First Railroad by Sally Senzell
- 📖 Choo Choo by Virginia Lee Burton
- 📖 Who Was Harriet Tubman by Yona Zwldis McDonough
- 📖 Last Rail: The building on the First Transcontinental Railroad by Darice Bailer
- 📖 High-Speed Train by Christopher Maynard
- 📖 Stop the Train! By Geraldine McCaughrean
- 📖 Railroad of the West by Hanna Straus
- 📖 Eyewitness: Train by John Coiley
- 📖 Train by John Coiley
- 📖 Trains by John Hudson Toner
- 📖 Transcontinental Railroad by Linda Thompson
- 📖 Railroad Fever: Building the Transcontinental Railroad 1830-1870 by Monica Halpren
- 📖 The Transcontinental Railroad: America at its Best by Robert Young

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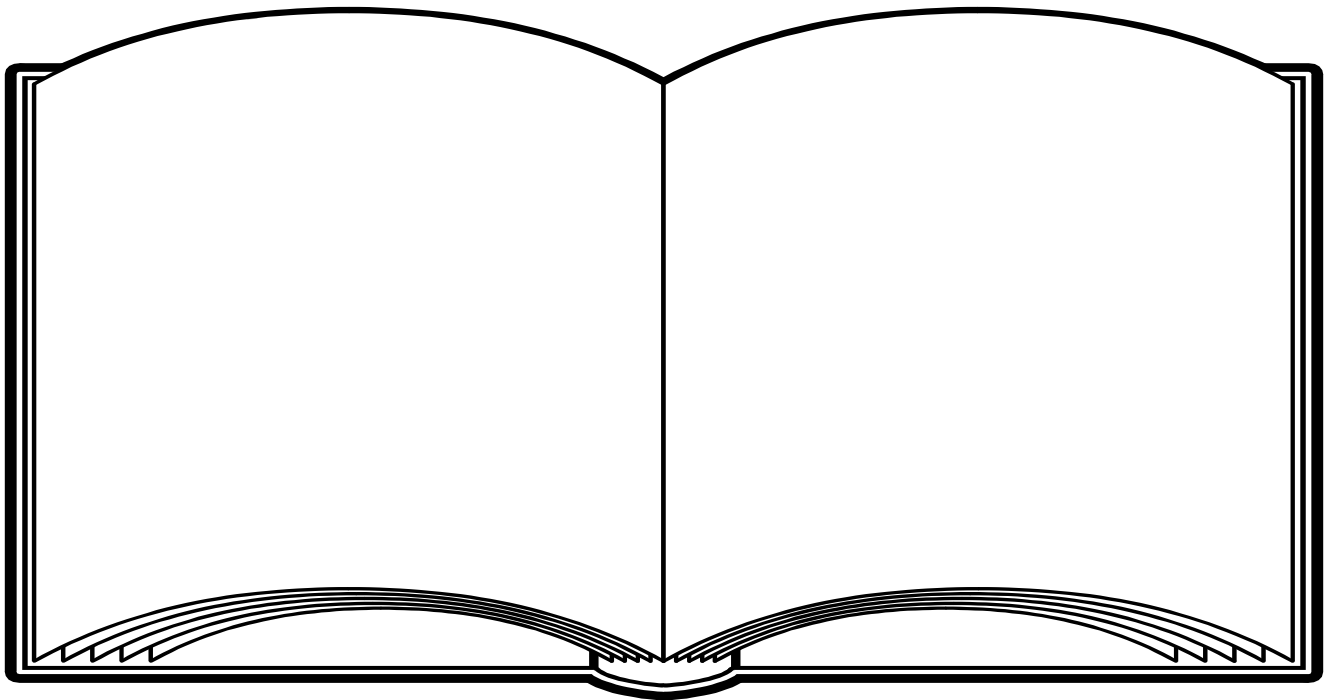




## My Favorite Story

By \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Author \_\_\_\_\_

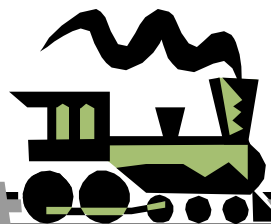


Write about a book or story you've read in the space above.

I hope you enjoyed the  
All Aboard for Reading  
Activities

Remember to read at least  
20 minutes every day.

Visit your library!





# June

# All Aboard for Summer Reading

# 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Hop on the reading train for your summer reading adventures. When you finish reading a book, add a car to your train. Watch your reading train grow.</b> 			<b>1</b> <b>Journal</b> Start keeping a journal or diary for this month.	<b>2</b> <b>Story Train</b> Start a story train. When you finish reading your first book, make an engine and write the title on it. Add a car as you finish reading a book. How many cars can you add?	<b>3</b> <b>Train Dictionary</b> Start a word dictionary of words all about trains.	<b>4</b> <b>Library</b> Have a family outing to the library today.
<b>5</b> <b>TV Coupons</b> Keep track of time you spend watching TV by "paying" for each half hour of viewing with a coupon. When the week's coupons are gone, there's no more TV.	<b>6</b> <b>Railroad Tracks</b> Find out how many words you can make using <i>Railroad Tracks</i> . Add these words to your Train Dictionary.	<b>7</b>  <b>Goals</b> Write some reading goals for your summer reading.	<b>8</b> <b>Game</b> Take turns saying a word. You must begin your word with the last letter of the word the last person said.	<b>9</b> <b>Rhyming</b> Using old magazines, cut out rhyming words and make up a poem using some of the words.	<b>10</b>  <b>Grandparents</b> Write a letter to your grandparents telling them what you enjoy about your summer vacation.	<b>11</b> <b>Newspaper</b> Read the newspaper and find something happening in your town.
<b>12</b> <b>Game</b> Play a game with your family, such as Scrabble.	<b>13</b> <b>Something Nice</b> Do something nice for someone without them knowing who had the good idea. (Maybe you could do this for more than one person.)	<b>14</b>  <b>Flag Day</b> Create a reading flag today.	<b>15</b> <b>Hide &amp; Seek</b> Hide a toy for someone and make a map to find it.	<b>16</b> <b>List</b> Help write the grocery shopping list, read the ads and write down the prices.	<b>17</b> <b>Shopping</b> Go to the grocery store and follow your list from yesterday.	<b>18</b> <b>READ!</b> East side. West side. All around the town. Get a good book sit right down and read.
<b>19</b> <b>Special Person</b> Make a book for someone special. Draw pictures showing what you like about this person. Write down what the pictures are about. Share it with the special person.	<b>20</b>  <b>Sea Animals</b> Name four animals that live on the bottom of the sea. Write a poem about one of them. Read it to someone.	<b>21</b> <b>Poem</b> Write a short poem.	<b>22</b> <b>Proverb Time</b> Birds of a feather flock together. See how many proverbs you and your family can say. Discuss their meanings.	<b>23</b> <b>Ad</b> Write an ad to sell your favorite book.	<b>24</b> <b>Fables</b> Read a fable or fairy tale and draw a picture about it.	<b>25</b>  <b>Read</b> a recipe and make some cookies.
<b>26</b> <b>Read!</b> Have everyone in your family read for 20 minutes today.	<b>27</b> <b>Letter Writing Day</b> Everyone write to someone and all go to the post office together.	<b>28</b> <b>Bookmarks</b> Make bookmarks with your family or friends. List your favorite books on one side ... books you want to read on the other.	<b>29</b>  <b>Count</b> Count all the electric appliances in your house. Write them in alphabetical order.	<b>30</b> <b>Summer</b> Think summer and read a "hot" book today.	The more you read, the better you read—so read, read, read! 	

# July

# All Aboard for Summer Reading

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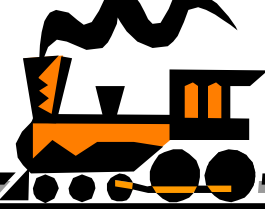
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<p><i>Reading takes you everywhere! Where will your reading train take you this month? Set a goal to read 20 minutes every day!</i></p>				<p><b>?</b></p> <p><b>How many cars can you add to your train this month?</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Keeping Track</b></p> <p>Make a chart and keep track of the temperature each day this month.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Watch it Grow</b></p> <p>Raise a peanut, bean or sunflower from a seed. Make a growth chart.</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Story</b></p> <p>Write a make-believe story about a train adventure. Draw a picture about your story. Read your story to someone.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Read •</b></p> <p>a story about Independence Day.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Stop, Look, Listen</b></p> <p>Write slogans for railroad crossing safety. Read your slogans to your family.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Poster</b></p> <p>Make posters or pictures about your railroad crossing slogans. Share with family and friends.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Train Story</b></p> <p>Read a train story or book today.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Trip</b></p> <p>Use a map to plan a train trip. Share your plan with your family and friends.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Digest a Good Book</b></p> <p>There's nothing more delicious than a good book. <b>READ!</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Read More About It</b></p> <p>Choose a topic and read more about it.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Train Haiku</b></p> <p>Compose haiku poems about trains.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Cereal Box</b></p> <p>Read the cereal box. Tell someone what you learned.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>"Train"</b></p> <p>Name or write ten things that begin with the letter "t," then ten things that begin with "r," ten that begin with "a," ten that begin with "i," and ten that begin with "n." Share your list.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Weather Report</b></p> <p>Write a weather report for tomorrow and see how correct you will be.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Adventure</b></p> <p>Make up an adventure about a train trip. Write down your story. Read it to someone.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>Recipe</b></p> <p>Find a recipe in the newspaper. Have an adult help make it as a special surprise for someone.</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Family Album</b></p> <p>Look at the family album. Are there any funny stories your family can share about these people?</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>TV Blackout</b></p> <p>Instead of watching TV, read aloud or play a game with your family.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Name Game</b></p> <p>Print the letters in your name. Name or write three words that begin with each letter of your name.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Reading is Cool Day</b></p> <p>Wear sunglasses and cool attire—<b>READ!!</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Plan</b></p> <p>a family picnic. Make a list of all the things you will need for the picnic.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Smile!</b></p> <p>Have a good book day!</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Routes</b></p> <p>With your family, make a map of at least two fire escape routes in your house. Practice them.</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Pull the Plug</b></p> <p>Pull the plug on your TV this week and have some fun!</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Look</b></p> <p>in a magazine or newspaper. Circle all hot words in red and all cold words in blue.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Story Block</b></p> <p>Make a story block. Draw or cut out pictures and paste them on all sides of an empty milk carton. Tell stories by turning to the different pictures.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Picture</b></p> <p>Draw a circle, square, triangle, octagon and a rectangle. Color them. Cut them out and arrange them on another sheet of paper. Paste.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Think</b></p> <p>of all the things you want to do tomorrow. Make a schedule showing what time you think each activity will begin.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Treat</b></p> <p>Give yourself a treat. Ask someone to read to you.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>News</b></p> <p>Watch the TV news together and share opinions.</p>
<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>Smile!</b></p> <p>Smile! You made it through the month!</p>						

# August

# All Aboard for Summer Reading

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
How many cars have you added to your train? Is your train getting long? 	<b>1</b> <b>Laugh</b> Find a comic strip. Cut it out and cut the frames apart. Mix them up. Now put them in order. Read the comic strip to someone.	<b>2</b> <b>Try to read</b> three books this month. Go to a library or book shelf and pick out three books. Be sure to add a car to your train as you finish the book.	<b>3</b> <b>S.U.T.A.R.D.</b> Sit Under a Tree and Read Day. Remember to write in your journal or diary.	<b>4</b> <b>Special Day</b> Write a story about a special day with your family. Read your story to your family.	<b>5</b> <b>Recycling Day</b> Set aside everything that your family uses today that can be recycled. Take the things to a recycling bin.	<b>6</b> <b>Read</b> the TV Guide before you watch TV.
<b>7</b> <b>Favorite Book</b> Discuss your favorite book and why it is your favorite with your family.	<b>8</b> <b>Little Engine</b> Make up a new story or adventure for the "Little Engine that Could."	<b>9</b> <b>Treasure Hunt</b> Go on a treasure hunt outside to find things that could be used in a collage. Look for some heavy cardboard or wood to use as a backing. Glue your materials on the backing.	<b>10</b> <b>Think about</b> a perfect day. Write about what you did or would like to do.	<b>11</b> <b>Find</b> three new words in the newspaper. Look them up in the dictionary. What do they mean? Share them with someone.	<b>12</b> <b>Make up a joke</b> or memorize a new one from a book. 	<b>13</b> <b>Sweet Dreams</b> Read at bedtime (20 minutes). Remember to write in your journal or diary.
<b>14</b> <b>READ! READ! READ!</b> Then read your favorite part aloud to someone.	<b>15</b> <b>Create a</b> treasure out of trash. Watch for things to renew: paper products, discarded toys, empty boxes; make gifts, pictures, jewelry and so on.	<b>16</b> <b>Fort</b> Make an indoor fort using a sheet, blanket or towels. "Build" it over chairs. Read books with a flashlight inside the fort.	<b>17</b> <b>Words</b> Look at a magazine or newspaper and cut out the longest word, funniest word, saddest word, smallest word.	<b>18</b> <b>Hike</b> Go for a hike. Keep your eyes and ears open. When you get home, make a list of all the things you can remember.	<b>19</b> <b>Time Capsule</b> Write and include a letter about life today to the person who opens the time capsule. Put the items in a time capsule, seal the container, and find a place to store it.	<b>20</b> <b>Shhhhhh</b> Take a silent walk. No talking or singing. Listen to the sounds of the natural world. Watch for movement. Walk as quietly as you can, slowly, with feet gently touching the earth.
<b>21</b> <b>Interview</b> someone in your family about a favorite book. Find out why he/she liked it.	<b>22</b> <b>Count</b> the days before school. Make a list of things you need to do to get ready for school. 	<b>23</b> <b>Nature walk</b> Go for a nature walk. Take an empty egg carton to collect treasures along the way. Glue the things you've collected on a piece of heavy paper or cardboard. Write the name next to each item.	<b>24</b> <b>Design</b> a book jacket for your favorite book.	<b>25</b> <b>Story Train</b> Make up a story for your story train. You make up a sentence and put it on the engine. Then a family member makes up a sentence and puts it on a train car. Keep the story going until everyone has added a car to the train.	<b>26</b> <b>Read! Read! Read!</b> Then read your favorite part aloud to someone.	<b>27</b> <b>Your Day</b> What would you like to read today?  READ!
<b>28</b> <b>My Turn, Your Turn</b> Create an exciting title for a story you would like to write. Write the first sentence, then ask someone to write the next sentence and so on. Read the finished story to your family.	<b>29</b> <b>Plants &amp; Light</b> Cut three shapes about two inches large, circles or triangles. Clip the shapes with paper clips to three leaves. Keep one piece of paper on the leaf for one day, a second for two days, a third for a week. Watch what happens to the leaves.	<b>30</b> <b>Use a map</b> to choose the route for your trip. Pick a pretend place if you like. 	<b>31</b> <b>Getting Ready</b> Decorate a box with pictures, words, or artwork and your name. Use this box to keep homework, books, supplies, and other things needed for the next school day.	<b>Share your summer reading train adventures with your friends. Set a goal to read 20 minutes every day!</b>		 <b>Linda McCulloch, Superintendent</b> Montana Office of Public Instruction PO Box 202501 Helena, Montana 59620-2501 <a href="http://www.opi.state.mt.us">www.opi.state.mt.us</a>



# READER BOOK CLUB MEMBERSHIP

## Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering \_\_\_\_\_

How many books did you read this summer? \_\_\_\_\_

What was your favorite book? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you enjoy the All Aboard for Reading activities this summer? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive a reading calendar next summer? \_\_\_\_\_

**Have a parent or guardian sign this part.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

Completed all of the All Aboard for Reading summer activities.

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

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Remember to read at least 20 minutes every day!

